

REMARKS

Claims 1-21 were originally pending in the present application. Claims 1-5 have been withdrawn in response to the Restriction Requirement of the pending Office Action.

The Examiner has taken the position that the claims are drawn to two distinct inventions. Specifically, the Examiner has grouped the claims as follows:

I Claims 1-5; and

II Claims 6-21.

Applicant provisionally elects with traverse the claims of group II (claims 6-21). Claims 1-5 have been withdrawn, and Applicant reserves the right to pursue such claims in one or more divisional/continuation applications.

CONCLUSION

The Applicant respectfully submits that this application is in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (202) 220-4255 to discuss any matter concerning this application. The Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

Respectfully submitted,
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